

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... **We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture** ...

Psalm 100: 3

*A Reconciling In Christ* Congregation

**Pastor Amy Larson**

Brooke Joyce, Music Director



### STATEMENT OF WELCOME

**All are welcome at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

**Welcome Guests.** Good Shepherd members also welcome you to coffee, food and conversation following worship in the Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway). **Everyone please sign and pass the red fellowship pads in the pews so that you can greet those around you by name following worship.**

**All are welcome to come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine.** The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. If you have an allergy to eggs you may request a wafer. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers. Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. If you wish to have the Pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers before the service begins. During the Easter Season,

## APRIL 24, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ORDER OF WORSHIP

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book) and Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet) - page numbers (P.) in booklet; hymn #s (#) in back of red book, congregational responses in bold

### GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC:** "Risen in Victory" - Ralph Montgomery

**PRAYER BELL - WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING SONG:** #531 The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing v. 1 and 3

**GREETING - KYRIE - THIS IS THE FEAST - PRAYER OF THE DAY** P. 2-5

### WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 11:1-18

**PSALM: 148**

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,
- <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
- <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- <sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**worshippers will stand at the altar rail** to celebrate that we have been raised to new life in Christ.

**Thank you for bringing children to worship today.** It is hard work to worship with kids, but it is such important work that helps them and the whole church. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here. If needed, an attendant is available to be with children in the nursery; activity bags also are available there.

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS:** ACOLYTE: Eli Gertz; ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Felde; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Elizabeth Kaschins; CANTOR: Dan Raney; ALTAR GUILD: Judy Schoel, Bob Larson, Glendalu Wuest; GREETERS/USHERS: Russ Freerking, Glenn Nelson, Jane Borelli; NURSERY: Natalie Tapscott; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: Jerrine Jacobsen, Glendalu Wuest, Lindy Moeller, Joyce & Ed Epperly; ORGANIST: Brooke Joyce.

**PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family:** Al and Marilyn Anderson, Shirley Casebere, Ed Kaschins, Judy Mikkelsen, Anthony Ruiz, Kathy Reed, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place; Catherine Moeller serving in Mexico, Nathan Wicks at Wartburg Seminary. Relatives and Friends: Weston Noble, Marion Beatty, Nathan Berg, Emily Bishman (Tanya Gertz's sister-in-law), Maynard and Bev Blair (Mike's father and Stepmother), Bob Dornbush (Sue Blair's brother), Mary Harrison (friend of Midge Kjome), Jody Kruegel, Pat Plude and family (friends of Brooke Joyce), Rev. Paul Sorlien (cousin of Kristen Frank), Lyle Steele (cousin of LaVerne Ramsey), John Tapscott (Matt Tapscott's father), Don Williams, Sarah Ylvisaker Storvick, Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Clinic in Jos, Nigeria; our Companion Congregation in Tsumeb, Namibia.

**7-Part Series: MY NEIGHBOR IS MUSLIM: EXPLORING THE MUSLIM FAITH** - This study series was developed by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to help Lutherans in the state welcome Muslim neighbors and is now being offered by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and used throughout the country. **Sessions are held Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7p.m. through May 18.** Participants are welcome to bring a simple supper for themselves. No advance preparation is necessary. Each session can be a stand alone experience so come when your schedule allows. The study can be downloaded at <http://lirs.org/myneighborismuslim/>. Copies are available on the

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over  
| earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and  
praise for all | faithful servants,**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.  
| Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 21:1-6

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** P. 5

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #651 Oh, Praise the Gracious  
Power vs. 1-3, 7

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Hear us, O God. **Your  
mercy is great.**

**PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And  
also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY:** "Tantum Ergo" - Gabriel Fauré

**OFFERTORY SONG:** P. 8 Create in Me a Clean Heart  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:** P. 10-11 *Our Father, who art...*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** Lamb of God, P. 13; #482 |  
Come with Joy, #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

**TABLE BLESSING and POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG:** #720 We are Called

counter outside the sanctuary as well.

**TODAY IS ST. GRUBBY'S DAY** - Help Good Shepherd spruce up for Spring. Clean windows, clean rugs, clear away cobwebs and bugs, pick up sticks, paint, refinish, unclutter, etc. Serve your church while having great fellowship. 15 minutes after the end of the worship service, we will begin! Did we mention pizza?

**1st QUARTER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available for pick up outside the sanctuary. Please pick up your statement as you leave today. We will not be mailing out statements that are unclaimed by the end of April. We will only mail the mid-year and year end statements.

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

#### **Sunday, April 24 - St Grubby's Day**

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion, 5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. - Short Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - No Adult Forum, Youth SS/Confirmation or Sunday School

#### **Tuesday, April 26**

11:00 a.m. - Communications sub-committee

7:00 p.m. - CLA Circle - Baby Kit Assembly in Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, April 27**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

2:00 p.m. - Pr. Amy at Aase Haugen

6:00 p.m. - My Neighbor is Muslim Study Series:

IV. ISLAM & CHARITY- Janeen Christy; moderator

7:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

8:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, April 28**

10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

#### **Sunday, May 1- Bring Friends to Worship Sunday**

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion, 6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour - Brunch with Friends - Coffee Sale

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School in Sanctuary, no Adult Forum

11:15 a.m.- Short Sunday School time in Sanctuary, friends welcome

**BELL and DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Sacri Conventus XXI" - Hans Leo Hassler

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**BRING FRIENDS TO WORSHIP SUNDAY** - Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll have a special welcoming in the service, joyful noises from the bells, choir and the brass band, we'll sing the "Behold, I Make All Things New" liturgy, and have an egg-bake brunch following the service in the fellowship hall. There will be May baskets for all visitors and maybe some other surprises.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** - We will receive new members on Sunday, May 8. If you would like to become a member, please let Pr. Amy know.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED** - On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Shepherd is assigned to host the Bingo Party at Eastern Star. Two more GS volunteers are needed to organize prizes and help residents play. Please sign up on the Ministry Team Board in the hallway next to the library. The time commitment: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

**THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION** - All members with email addresses will receive an email message soon alerting them that they have been subscribed to *The Shepherd's Voice*, the Good Shepherd monthly newsletter. The email message should arrive on May 1. Members may view the May newsletter online at that time. Paper copies of *The Shepherd's Voice* will continue to be mailed to members. You can unsubscribe to the emailed newsletter at any time. Questions can be sent to: Jane Kemp, [kempjane@mchsi.com](mailto:kempjane@mchsi.com).

**NORTHERN LIGHTS CONCERT** - You are invited to attend the upcoming concert on Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. The women of Northern Lights will present a program in memory of Marygrace McCullough-Hommen, who was a valuable member of their ensemble for many years. A freewill offering will be taken.

**UPPER IOWA RIVER CLUSTER D SPRING GATHERING** will be held Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. at Washington Prairie Lutheran Church. Our guest speaker will be Kelly Butcher of "Wings of Refuge" from Iowa Falls, Iowa. [www.wingsofrefuge.net](http://www.wingsofrefuge.net). She will be talking about the safe house and how they restore the confidence and dignity of girls brought back from sex trafficking through holistic healing and restoration. The speaker will be first on program. In-kind donations of paper products, craft supplies, gardening supplies and gift cards will go to "Wings of Refuge. Anyone wishing to carpool should call Bev Sheridan at 382-9025.

**THE DECORAH CHORALE** will present their annual spring concert Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 pm, at the Decorah Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be accepted during the concert; no charge for admission.

**PROJECT CARE** is in full swing! Project Care is a local effort that uplifts the youth in our region who are not only graduating from high school, but who are also "aging-out" of Iowa's foster care system. This year, we have only one graduate named Genesis. She very much wanted a community Graduation Party. Please join us in wishing this young

lady all the best on Tuesday May 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran Church. If you would like to help purchase items that Genesis needs, a list is available at the First Lutheran Church Office. She is also very much in need of gift cards for gas and groceries. Contact for PC is Kirsten Heine at 563-735- 5358.





